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SUBJECT: CITY CENTER ACTING COMPANY

REF: (A) STATE 87331, (B) STATE A-863

1. WE HAVE SPOKEN WITH THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND ART (MINCULT) ABOUT THE PROGRAMMING OF THE CITY CENTER ACTING COMPANY (CCAC) HERE IN LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR. THE MINCULT RESPONDED BY SAYING THAT THEY HAVE DECIDED, ALBEIT AT THE LAST MOMENT, TO ORGANIZE AN INTERNATIONAL THEATER FESTIVAL IN WARSAW DURING THE LATER PART OF JUNE OF THIS YEAR. THIS FESTIVAL WILL BE ORGANIZED ALONG SIMILAR LINES TO THE THEATER OF THE NATIONS FESTIVAL WHICH WAS SUCH A SUCCESS HERE IN JUNE, 1975. THE MINCULT SAID THAT THEY WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN PROGRAMMING THE CCAC DURING THIS JUNE FESTIVAL. WE SAID THAT WE WERE CERTAIN THAT THE CCAC WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR JUNE PERFORMANCES, BUT THAT WE WOULD CHECK WITH THE DEPARTMENT REGARDING A PERFORMING ARTS GROUP FOR THE JUNE FESTIVAL DATES.

2. WE NOTE FROM REF B THAT THE ARENA STAGE IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR PERFORMANCES IN HOLLAND WITH "DEATH OF A SALESMAN" FROM JUNE 9-16. WOULD THEY BE AVAILABLE FOR A PERFORMANCE IN WARSAW FOLLOWING THIS ENGAGEMENT? WE ARE CERTAIN THAT THE MINCULT WILL COVER
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THEY MAY BE WILLING FO FUND ROUND TRIP INTERNATIONAL
TRANSPORTATION. PLEASE ADVISE WHAT THE STAGE'S DOLLAR
FEE WOULD BE FOR ONE WARSAW PERFORMANCE, SHOULD
THEY BE AVAILABLE.

3. IN THE EVENT THAT WE CANNOT WORK OUT SOME ARRANGEMENTS
FOR A JUNE PERFORMANCE BY THE ARENA STAGGEOR SOME OTHER
U.S. THEATER COMPANY IN EUROPE AT THAT TIME, WE WOULD
BE MOST INTERESTED IN CONTINUING OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH
THE MINCULT TO BRING THE CCAC HERE IN LATE SEPTEMBER
OR EARLY OCTOBER. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE MINCULT
WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF
LOCAL SUPPORT IN ZLOTYS FOR THE CCAC IN THE FALL; BUT
WE CANNOT GET THEM TO FOCUS ON THIS UNTIL WE HAVE
RESPONDED, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, TO THEIR REQUEST FOR
A GROUP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE JUNE FESTIVAL. PLEASE
ADVISE.
DAVIES

NOTE BY OC/T: (#) AS RECEIVED, CORRECTION TO FOLLOW.

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